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MEMORANDUM

TO: Zoning Commission

FROM: Woodrow Muhammad AICP, Planning & Zoning Director

SUBJECT: RZ-02-14, REZONING FROM RURAL to B-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT

ONE)(FINDINGS OF FACT)

LOCATION This property is located at 18364 Magnolia Bridge Road between the Greenwell

Springs Road and Villa Crossing Drive intersection on Lot F of the Former Kennard Property in Section 66, T6S, R2E, GLD, EBR, LA. The applicant is proposing to rezone from Rural to B-1 (Neighborhood Business District One) for a real estate office.

EXISTING LAND USE Residential

PROPOSED LAND USE Office

MASTER PLAN Rural/Agriculture

PRESENT ZONING Rural

PROPOSED ZONING B-1 (Neighborhood Business District One)

APPLICANT Tammy Jo Williams

STAFF COMMENTS

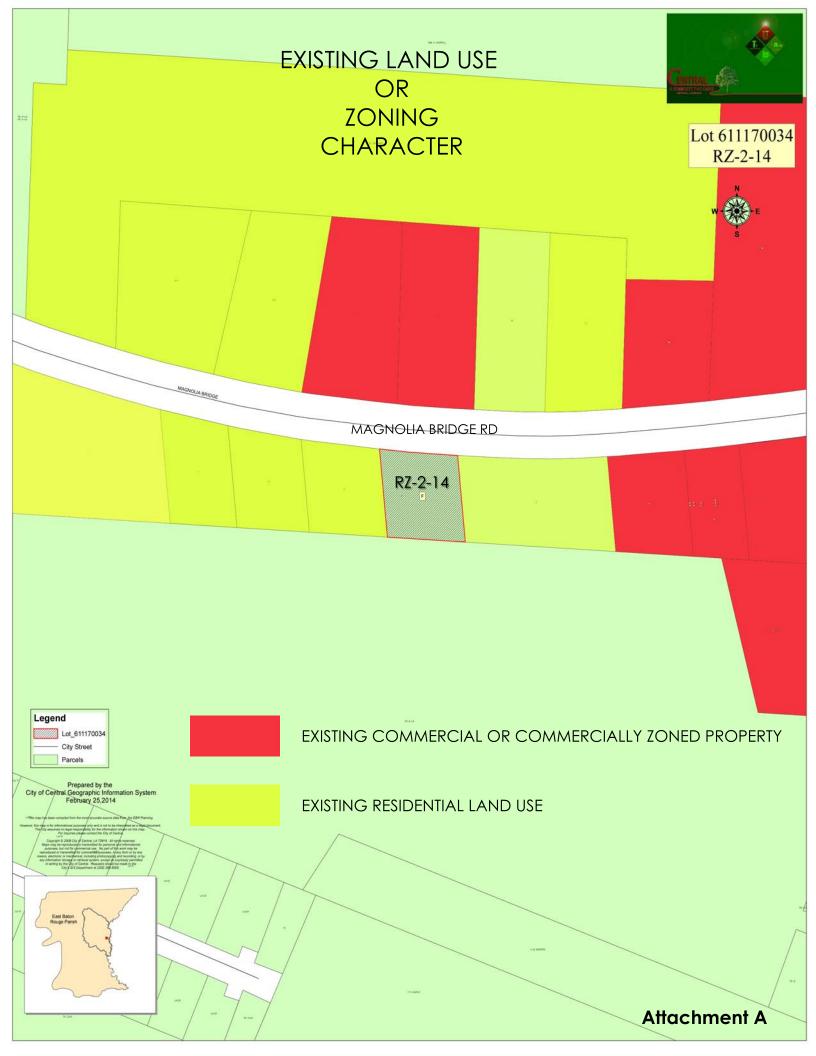
- 1. Existing land use is Residential
- 2. Surrounding land uses include Residential and Heavy Commercial (See Attachment A).
- 3. **Existing zoning** is Rural.
- 4. **Surrounding zoning** is Rural.
- 5. **Size of Subject Property** is approximately 0.519 acres.
- 6. **Master Plan Statement.** The City of Central Master Use Plan specifies Rural/Agriculture at the subject property (See Attachment B). This classification designates areas of minimum density development intended for agricultural and very low density residential uses with a maximum density of one unit per three acres. Residential and agricultural structures should be restricted to areas outside the 100 year flood plain and should not be placed or constructed in ways that reduce or impede the floodplain. Staff notes that the proposed rezoning is inconsistent with the Master Plan.



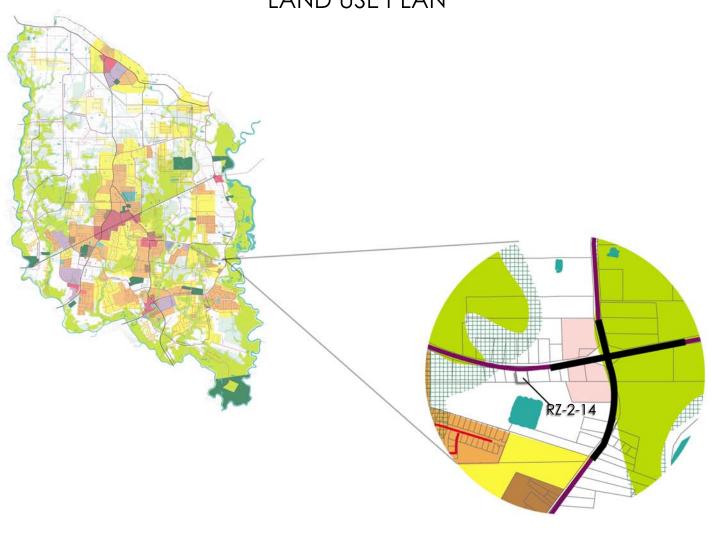
- 7. **Rezoning Criteria.** Land use pattern or character has changed to the extent that the existing zoning no longer allows reasonable use of the proponents' property and adjacent property. Reasonableness is defined as:
 - a. Land use the same as, or similar to that existing on properties next to, or across the street from the site under consideration;
 - b. Consideration of changes in land value, physical environment or economic aspects which tend to limit the usefulness of vacant land or buildings.
- 8. **Staff Recommendation.** Staff cannot fully support this rezoning request because the proposed rezoning is not consistent with the Master Plan. However, Staff notes there are several commercial businesses surrounding the subject property and further notes that this property was previously utilized for a commercial business several years ago (See Attached Consultant's Opinion).
- 9. Schedule

Scheduled for Zoning Commission on March 27, 2014.

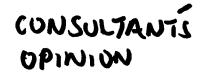




MASTER PLAN- PHASE TWO LAND USE PLAN







Woodrow Muhammad - COC

From:

Nathan Gaspard < Nathan.Gaspard@erm.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:59 PM

To:

Woodrow Muhammad - COC

Cc:

David Barrow - CoC

Subject:

RE: Rezoning Request to B1

Attachments:

RZ-2-14-ng Master Plan Land Use.pdf

Woodrow,

Pursuant to our conversation, I wanted to follow up with this e-mail.

I concur with your assessment of the property in question and further feel that the City should consider changing the zoning on the south side of Magnolia Bridge road to match the properties on the north side. This consideration should end, however, at the place where the Land Use Plan shows conservation area crossing the road (see attached pdf). This would insure a logical stopping point for the commercial use while also providing some buffer between the commercial and surrounding residential development.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Nathan Gaspard inior Consultant

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From: Woodrow Muhammad - COC [mailto:Woodrow.Muhammad@central-la.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:04 AM

To: Nathan Gaspard

Subject: Rezoning Request to B1

Nathan,

What are your thoughts on this request to rezone to an office with existing structures? I may call you.

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